

Arkansas

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending April 8, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent both from the comparable week in 2005, and from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

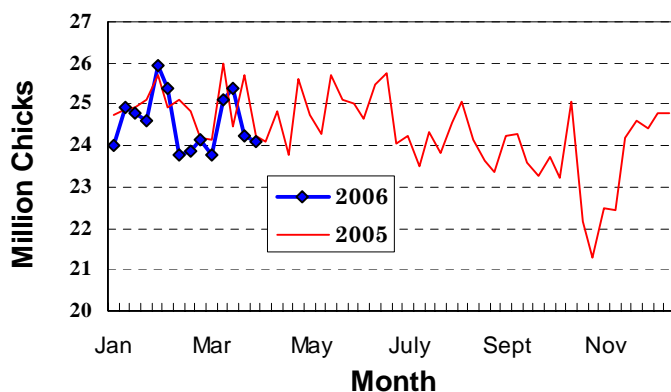
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 8, 2006, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

| Week Ending 1/ | Chicks Placed | | | Chicks Hatched | | | Eggs Set | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | % of Prev. Year | 2005 | 2006 | % of Prev. Year | 2005 | 2006 | % of Prev. Year |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | |
| Mar. 4 | 24,187 | 24,141 | 100 | 25,946 | 25,449 | 98 | 31,198 | 30,868 | 99 |
| Mar. 11 | 24,126 | 23,761 | 98 | 26,142 | 25,821 | 99 | 30,893 | 31,376 | 102 |
| Mar. 18 | 26,004 | 25,114 | 97 | 26,406 | 25,709 | 97 | 30,683 | 30,561 | 100 |
| Mar. 25 | 24,483 | 25,367 | 104 | 26,218 | 25,556 | 97 | 30,196 | 30,151 | 100 |
| Apr. 1 | 25,689 | 24,238* | 94 | 26,122 | 26,005 | 100 | 30,537 | 30,034 | 98 |
| Apr. 8 | 24,245 | 24,090 | 99 | 25,690 | 25,456 | 99 | 31,153 | 30,926 | 99 |

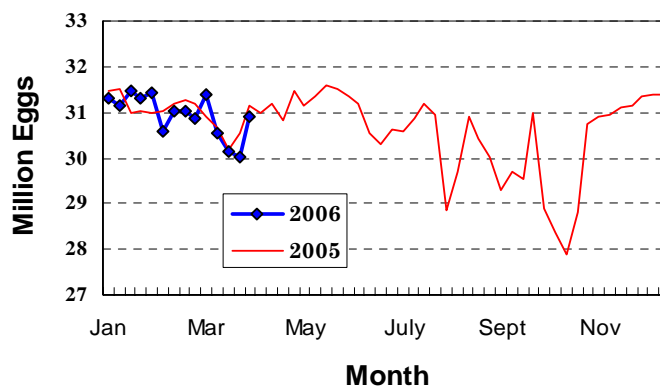
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2005-2006



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2005 - 2006



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, March 11 - April 8, 2006

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|--|---------------|---------|---------|---------|------|--|--|
| | Week Ending | | | | | | | Week Ending | | | | | | |
| | 11-Mar | 18-Mar | 25-Mar | 1-Apr | 8-Apr | % 1/ | 11-Mar | 18-Mar | 25-Mar | 1-Apr | 8-Apr | % 1/ | | |
| | Thousand | | | | | | | Thousand | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 31,827 | 31,629 | 31,790 | 30,836 | 31,655 | 100 | 21,608 | 22,039 | 21,700 | 21,925 | 21,530 | 99 | | |
| Arkansas | 31,376 | 30,561 | 30,151 | 30,034 | 30,926 | 99 | 23,761 | 25,114 | 25,367 | 24,238 | 24,090 | 99 | | |
| Delaware | 3,742 | 3,781 | 3,620 | 3,519 | 3,583 | 89 | 6,049 | 5,319 | 6,002 | 6,235 | 5,680 | 94 | | |
| Florida | 1,369 | 1,344 | 1,364 | 1,366 | 1,344 | 99 | 1,451 | 1,541 | 1,536 | 1,471 | 1,304 | 77 | | |
| Georgia | 34,980 | 34,004 | 34,822 | 35,004 | 34,747 | 104 | 28,060 | 27,986 | 28,573 | 27,947 | 26,653 | 99 | | |
| Kentucky | 6,984 | 6,763 | 7,124 | 7,354 | 7,393 | 98 | 6,435 | 5,815 | 5,741 | 5,954 | 5,540 | 100 | | |
| Louisiana | 4,136 | 4,136 | 3,756 | 4,058 | 4,136 | 99 | 4,048 | 3,830 | 3,831 | 4,149 | 3,912 | 101 | | |
| Maryland | 8,980 | 8,964 | 8,632 | 8,870 | 8,924 | 99 | 4,949 | 5,091 | 4,852 | 4,820 | 5,414 | 104 | | |
| Mississippi | 18,439 | 18,326 | 18,528 | 18,393 | 18,285 | 97 | 16,272 | 16,514 | 16,428 | 16,490 | 16,414 | 91 | | |
| N. Carolina | 18,936 | 18,366 | 18,043 | 18,684 | 18,633 | 97 | 15,577 | 15,839 | 15,323 | 15,606 | 15,030 | 98 | | |
| Oklahoma | 6,657 | 6,698 | 6,659 | 6,367 | 6,666 | 103 | 5,205 | 4,186 | 5,095 | 5,319 | 5,313 | 99 | | |
| Pennsylvania | 4,118 | 4,052 | 3,755 | 4,144 | 4,039 | 97 | 2,730 | 2,986 | 2,965 | 3,101 | 3,098 | 102 | | |
| S. Carolina | 5,425 | 5,171 | 5,382 | 5,027 | 5,120 | 100 | 4,611 | 4,721 | 4,849 | 4,497 | 4,339 | 96 | | |
| Texas | 15,187 | 15,192 | 13,466 | 15,074 | 15,073 | 97 | 12,888 | 13,073 | 13,103 | 13,058 | 12,971 | 100 | | |
| Virginia | 6,644 | 6,607 | 6,561 | 6,563 | 6,503 | 99 | 5,110 | 5,646 | 5,098 | 4,916 | 4,916 | 92 | | |
| C.A.M.O.T.N.&W.V. | 17,968 | 17,870 | 17,785 | 18,283 | 18,319 | 98 | 17,047 | 17,690 | 16,549 | 17,518 | 17,043 | 101 | | |
| 19 State Total | 216,768 | 213,464 | 211,438 | 213,576 | 215,346 | | 175,801 | 177,390 | 177,012 | 177,244 | 173,247 | | | |
| Prev. Year Total | 213,629 | 213,135 | 212,819 | 212,425 | 217,024 | | 176,772 | 176,235 | 176,843 | 176,671 | 176,774 | | | |
| % of Prev. Year | 101 | 100 | 99 | 101 | 99 | | 99 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 98 | | | |
| Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/ | | | | | | | 29-Apr | 6-May | 13-May | 20-May | 27-May | | | |
| * Revised in current week. | | | | | | | 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year. | | | | | | 2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement. | |

Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 8, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 8, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 8, 2006 were 2.45 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.